

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Dr. Andrea APPEL et al. Group Art Unit: 1796
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Appln. No. : 10/577,307 (U.S. National Stage of PCT/EP2004/052743)
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For : RUBBER MIXTURE AND TIRE

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111
IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 9, 2007**

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Customer Service Window, Mail Stop Amendment
Randolph Building
401 Dulany Street
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed October 9, 2007, which sets a three-month shortened statutory period for response until January 9, 2008.

Applicants note that this response is being filed by the initial due date for response whereby an extension of time and the government fee associated therewith should not be necessary for maintaining the pendency of the application. However, if any extension of time is required, this is an express request for any required extension of time and authorization to charge any necessary fee to maintain the pendency of the application, including any extension of time and/or any claim fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Entry of the following amendment and reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections of record are respectfully requested.

Remarks/Arguments begin on 2 of this paper.